

From Scars Marquis for May.  
A BALLAD OF SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.

By WALTER H. SKINNER.

Written and set to music by  
John Franklin's  
Child in whose Coffin Bay  
To know if between the Land and the Pole,  
I may find a broad way.

I charge you back, Sir John Franklin,  
As you would live and thrive,  
For between the Land and the frozen Pole  
No man may have alive.

Saltily laud the star Sir John.

And spoke unto his men—

Had Franklin is wrong, it is right.

Bear off to westward then.

Whether will you, brave Englishman?

Crest the little frostbow.

Between your land and the polar star

My goodly vessel go.

Come down, if you will, journey there,

The little Indian said,

And change your cloth for clothing.

You're fitted for a sled.

Saltily laud the star Sir John.

And the crew laud with him too.

A sled to change from ship to sled.

I ween, were something now!

All through the long, long polar day.

The crew's westward sped.

And where'er the end of Sir John was blown,

The ice gave and fled.

One way with many a hollow groan,

And while many a sorry moan,

It mutinied and threatened on every side,

And closed where he sailed before.

He see you not, my merry men?

The broad and open sea?

Behold ye what the whaler said,

Behold ye of the little Indian's sled?

The crew laud out in glee.

Sir John, Sir John, 'tis bitter cold,

The sand drives on the breeze,

The ice comes loaming from the North,

The very numbs freeze.

Right summer coms, dark Winter comes—

We cannot rule the year.

But long ere summer's sun goes down,

Our powerless soul'll steer.

The dripping leathers dipped and rose,

And thunders down the gale;

The ships were staid, the sails were manned,

And fared the useless sail.

The Summer's gone, the Winter's come,

We sail not on yester sea,

Why can we not, Sir John Franklin?

A silent moan was here.

What think you of the whaler now?

What of the Expansions?

A sled were better than a ship,

To cross through ice and snow.

Down sank the hateful crimson sun,

The northern light came out,

And glared upon the ice-bound ships,

And shook its spears about.

The storm came down, storm breeding storm,

And on the decks was laid;

Till the wavy sailor sick at heart,

Sank down beside his mate.

Sir John, the night is black and long,

The hazing wind is bleak,

The hard, green ice is strong as death—

I prithee, Captain, speak.

DESENT.

With these preliminary explanations to show

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